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SUBJECT: ANNOUNCING A NEW CHINA ESTH ONLINE FORUM--BLUE SKIES OVER BEIJING

11. Embassy Beijing is pleased to announce the creation of a new internal blog on Communities (at) State, designed to provide a forum for information sharing and discussion of issues related to environment, science, technology, and health issues in China. "Blue Skies Over Beijing" will be administered by staff in the Beijing ESTH section, and can be accessed by clicking the following link from any Federal agency, office, or employee with a connection to Intelink-U.

Blue Skies Over Beijing

[http://www.intelink.gov/communities/
state/blue_skies_over_beijing/](http://www.intelink.gov/communities/state/blue_skies_over_beijing/)

State OpenNet users will be able to access the site directly; however, some employees in other agencies may be asked to register with an ID and password before logging into Intelink-U.

12. The Olympics have focused the world's attention on Beijing's air quality, as well as on recent government measures to improve environmental conditions and plans for creating a Green Olympics. While the Olympics and Paralympics will be over by the end of September, we hope this Community will provide a lasting forum for interested parties within the USG to discuss environmental policy, science and technology cooperation, and health issues related to China.

13. For those who consider themselves to be members of this "community," Beijing ESTH invites you to bookmark and check "Blue Skies Over Beijing" often, and we welcome the feedback and suggestions of any reader. Technical difficulties in accessing the page can be addressed to the Knowledge Management Action Team in the Department of State's Office of eDiplomacy at KMTeam@state.gov. Inquiries related to site content can be addressed to the Beijing ESTH Section at BeijingUSEmbassyESTH@state.gov.

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